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1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, EMBASSY HAS DURING LAST THREE YEARS URGED SERIES OF THAI GOVERNMENTS TO ADHERE TO MONTREAL AND HAGUE ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTIONS AND TO ENACT ENABLING LEGISLATION NEEDED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THESE TREATIES. SHORTLY AFTER ADVENT OF THANIN GOVERNMENT, EMBASSY STARTED DOWN SAME OLD TRAIL AGAIN (REF A). AMBASSADOR RAISED ISSUE EARLY WITH MFA, AND ENLISTED AID OF COLLEAGUES IN PURSUING MATTER AT HIGH LEVELS IN RTG. GERMAN AMBASSADOR WAS PARTICULARLY COOPERATIVE.

2. IN ANY EVENT, AND FOR WHATEVER REASONS, DRAFT OF REQUISITE ENABLING ACT HAS IN LAST THREE MONTHS BEEN APPROVED BY INTER-
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MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE, CABINET, AND PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND WILL ON FRIDAY (JULY 1) BE GIVEN FIRST READING IN NATIONAL REFORM ADMINISTRATION ASSEMBLY. APPROVAL SHOULD BE PRO FORMA EXERCISE, AND WE CAN REASONABLY EXPECT THAT RTG WILL WITHIN FORESEEABLE FUTURE DEPOSIT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF HAGUE AND MONTREAL TREATIES. (RTG HAS ALREADY RATIFIED TOKYO CONVENTION). WE CONSIDER THIS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD BY RTG,

AND FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THANIN GOVERNMENT IS GETTING THINGS
DONE THAT HAVE LONG NEEDED DOING.

3. INASMUCH AS WE HAVE AT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS RAISED WITH RTG ISSUES OF AIRPORT SECURITY AND
ADHERENCE TO TREATIES (MOST RECENTLY LAST SEPTEMBER, 76 BANGKOK
24662), DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO EXPRESS TO THAI EMBASSY USG'S
GRATIFICATION THAT RTG IS TAKING ACTION ON THESE IMPORTANT
ISSUES.

4. WITH REGARD TO AIRPORT SECURITY, BOMB BLAST OF JUNE 24
(REF C) MAY PROVE TO BE BLESSING IN DISGUISE. IN PAST RTAF
OFFICIALS IN CHARGE AT DON MUANG HAVE NOT BEEN GENUINELY
INTERESTED IN SECURITY OF CIVIL TERMINAL AND AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER,
THAI NOW REALIZE IT CAN HAPPEN HERE, WITH RESULT THAT SECURITY
MEASURES, INCLUDING BODY SEARCHES AND BAGGAGE INSPECTION, HAVE
BEEN IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IN WAKE OF BOMB INCIDENT. ICAO
SECURITY EXPERT T. G. MCCORMICK, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH CIVIL
AND RTAF AVIATION OFFICIALS SINCE FEBRUARY, REPORTS THAT TWO
RTAF OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED FAA SECURITY SCHOOL IN MAY HAVE
RETURNED TO POSTS FULL OF ENTHUSIASM AND HOPEFULLY WILL PLAY
USEFUL ROLE IN EVOLVING AIRPORT SECURITY PICTURE HERE.
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